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and has an active-oxygen-eliminating activity, said inhibitory agent comprising an amount effective of trehalose for said inhibition.

Claim 6 (amended), line 2 after "substance", insert --in juicy form--;

lines 2-3, delete "and/or a plant antioxidant having said active-oxygen-eliminating activity".

Delete claims 7 and 8 without prejudice in favor of the remaining claims.

REMARKS

Applicants propose to amend claim 5 as noted above to further make clear that the plant substance to which an inhibitory agent is incorporated is in a juicy form. Support for the amendment will be found in the specification as filed at page 5, line 19, to page 6, line 21. When a plant substance is in a juicy form, a more homogeneous contact between the plant substance and the inhibitory agent is achieved.

To the contrary, Maruta teaches neither incorporating trehalose into a plant substance in an aqueous system nor incorporating trehalose into a plant substance which is in a juicy form. In fact, in Example B-6 at column 32, lines 44-60, referred to by the PTO, trehalose in powder